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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE proposed 20m Orange phone mast on greenbelt land at Douglas Eyre Playing Fields**

I object deeply to the proposal to build a 20 metre mobile phone mast at Douglas Eyre Playing Fields. I object because it is unnecessary, not in keeping with the character of the area, and likely to pose a hazard to both human beings and wildlife in the area.

- The council's own UDP prohibits development that is not considered essential infrastructure on land designated by the Environment Agency as that particular kind of flood plane. By the definitions found in council documents, the mobile phone mast proposed *does not qualify as essential infrastructure*.
- There exists significant and credible evidence that such masts may be *dangerous to human health*. This issue has been raised both in the national press and in independent inquiries. I note that the council forbids such installations on properties where its own employees work because of the risk that it may be held liable for future health damage. Residents deserve no less consideration and the council must consider damage to residents' health as well as that of its employees. The proposed site is very near Coppermill Primary School and constitutes a potential *threat to young children*.
- The site proposed is very *near a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)* and there is no knowing what its effects on wildlife may be. The site is just as close to one of Britain's largest heronries, and the possible effects on the heron population are also unknown and likely to be disastrous.

Please include these comments in your assessment of the application made and keep me informed of developments in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Leigh